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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2008**

Members Present: Tom Sudkamp, Faculty President; Jeffery Allen, SOPP; Carole Endres (substituting for Bud Baker), RSCOB; Barbara Fowler, CONH; Martin Kich, Lake Campus; Richard Schuster, BSOM; Eileen Self, CEHS; Kefu Xue, CECS.

- The committee discussed the need for a policy for approving changes to the Faculty Handbook. Members supported approving small matters in Executive Committee with reports to Senate. Matters deemed more important will be presented to Faculty Senate.
- At President Hopkins' request, EC approved minor changes to the Presidential Award for Early Career Achievement.
- An update was given on the nomination process for Faculty President-Elect.
- The committee concluded that an updated Research Misconduct Policy must be prepared for distribution for the April 7 Faculty Senate meeting no later than Monday, March 31. There is concern as to whether all suggestions given at the March Senate meeting can be considered in time to allow changes to be made to the document, and reviewed by the appropriate bodies, in time for the March 31 deadline. If not, the item will have to return to Senate as New Business at the May meeting.
- Tom Sudkamp updated the EC on the Faculty Budget Priority Committee meeting of March 11. The committee hosted Provost Angle, Dr. Filipic, and VP Keith Ralston at the meeting. Discussion items included efficiency initiatives, and overview of WSU's current financial situation, and date on faculty FTE's
- The committee approved the agenda for the April 7 Senate meeting.